Central Research Institutes in Tamil Nadu

3000. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Central Research Institutes located in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the percentage of the number of Central Research Institutes in the State out of the all Inida figure;

(c) the reasons for the very less number of research institutes in the State;

(d) whether Government propose to set up more Central Research Institutes in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL) : (a) to (c) According to the latest available official publication "Directory of R&D Institutions 2006", there are 49 Central Research Institutes in the State of Tamil Nadu which form 6.9% of the all India figure. The State of Tamil Nadu is ranked 7th among all the States in terms of number of Central Research Institutions.

(d) and (e) Yes Sir. The setting up of Research Institutes in various States is a continuing process. In the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the Government proposes to set up Research Institutes in diverse S&T areas in various States. A proposal to strengthen Cancer Research Institute at Chennai, Tamil Nadu is under consideration.

Research Institute for Science and Technology

3001. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Science and Technology Department has proposed to set up a research institute to look for green technology for industry in the light of the problem of global warming; and

(b) if so, by when the institute will be formed and what are its main functions?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal is under preparation for establishment of such an institute. The institute to be established through public private partnership including international collaboration is proposed to have the mandate to carry out focused research on technologies whose application will lead to cleaner environment. The institute, if approved, will draw up its programme keeping in view the challenges faced by all parts of the country and all sectors of the Industry.

Constitutional status for National Commission for Safai Karamcharis

†3002. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission for Safai Karamcharis has got constitutional status;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of reports submitted to Government by the Commission so far; and

(d) the details of action taken by Government on the reports of the Commission so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK)

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